

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1, line 1, replace the title with the following:

**COMPONENT MOUNTING METHOD EMPLOYING TEMPERATURE
MAINTENANCE OF POSITIONING APPARATUS**

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by underlining, strikeouts, or double bracketing.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A component mounting method ~~and a component mounting apparatus~~ for picking up an electronic component, positioning the electronic component on a circuit substrate and mounting the electronic component to the circuit substrate ~~[[are]]~~ adapted to perform an idling operation during a pause of component

mounting operation, thereby eliminating any degradation of the component mounting accuracy due to temperature changes.

A cleanly type version of the abstract text is provided on the following page.